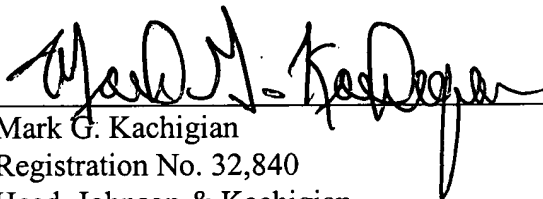


**REMARKS**

In an Office Action dated April 16, 2003, the Examiner requested a further election of species among the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicant has selected the above-identified claims to be consistent with the elected species.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If other issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark G. Kachigian", is written over a horizontal line.

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